

AZ 10. (New) A method to render resistance to an environmental stress to a plant,  
the method comprising incorporation of the gene according to claim 5 into said plant.

11. (New) A method to render resistance to an environmental stress to a plant,  
the method comprising incorporation of the gene according to claim 4 into said plant.

12. (New) A method to render resistance to an environmental stress to a plant,  
the method comprising incorporation of the gene according to claim 3 into said plant.

13. (New) A transgenic plant exhibiting resistance to an environmental stress,  
produced by incorporation of the gene according to claim 5 into a plant.

14. (New) The transgenic plant according to claim 13, wherein said plant is  
selected from the group consisting of lily, rice, maize, asparagus, wheat, *Arabidopsis*  
*thaliana*, tobacco, carrot, soybean, tomato and potato.

15. (New) A transgenic plant exhibiting resistance to an environmental stress,  
produced by incorporation of the gene according to claim 4 into a plant.

16. (New) The transgenic plant according to claim 15, wherein said plant is  
selected from the group consisting of lily, rice, maize, asparagus, wheat, *Arabidopsis*  
*thaliana*, tobacco, carrot, soybean, tomato and potato.

17. (New) A transgenic plant exhibiting resistance to an environmental stress, produced by incorporation of the gene according to claim 3 into a plant.

18. (New) The transgenic plant according to claim 17, wherein said plant is selected from the group consisting of lily, rice, maize, asparagus, wheat, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, tobacco, carrot, soybean, tomato and potato.

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